

PITTSBURGH DATE PROVES SURPRISE

Stewards of Grand Circuit Will Have Hard Job Assigning Meets.

New York, December 28.—The decision of the stewards of the Grand Circuit to hold the next annual meeting at Pittsburgh surprised the turf world, as the Detroit Driving Club had canvassed the membership in an effort to take the meeting away from New York. A meeting in Pittsburgh will do much to stimulate trotting interest in that city, which broke into the new Grand Circuit only last August.

In all probability the meeting on January 13 will be the most harmonious in years. Some time ago the officials of the Detroit Driving Club indicated that they would demand the opening dates, a disapproval Detroit enjoyed every year until this year, and a big asset on account of the M. and M. Stakes. The associations at Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo are both willing to yield on this point. In fact, would jump at the chance to come later so as to benefit by the increased entries that later dates guarantee. But now Detroit does not want to give a meeting so early that it cannot include in its program one of the big three-year-old sturdies, and as it cannot open the circuit and have August dates too, the chances are that the three Michigan meetings will cover the last three weeks of July, although the order of the meetings may be changed. Cleveland will be satisfied with any dates, as the president of the association there, H. K. Devereux, is the spokesman in the board of stewards.

It is not generally known that at the last meeting, when a conflict arose over dates, he for the sake of harmony offered to open the circuit early in July, notwithstanding that such a step would be a big sacrifice to his association.

Pittsburgh will, of course, follow Cleveland, but after that there will be a struggle. It has been officially announced that the Niagara Racing Association will have a running meeting on during its accustomed week of harness racing, hence the shift from Pittsburgh will be direct into New England unless Fort Erie wants the sulky there the week in advance of the runners, and further provided Pittsburgh will agree to a switch in dates. Hartford always insists upon the week that contains Labor Day, and the next week must go to Syracuse because the dates of the state fairs are fixed by statute. It would be fine for Buffalo—Fort Erie to follow Syracuse, and thus break up the long shift to Detroit—but if Detroit and Columbus are to have their full dates in advance of Lexington there will not be room for Fort Erie at that time, and the last of the Grand Circuit are that when a member gives up its old dates it will take the best that is offered it in place.

What About Fort Erie?
The coming trouble for the stewards, therefore, will not be so much about Michigan dates as it will be to determine what to do with Fort Erie. The Hudson River Driving Park at Poughkeepsie owns a Grand Circuit franchise, but is on the inactive list. Jacob Ruppert, owner of the track, says he will reopen the gates whenever he is assured that he will not be prosecuted for the acts of others under the law now, provides, and can get dates.
There are fourteen members of the Grand Circuit, and thirteen of them want to get dates in the twelve weeks from July 1 to the opening at Lexington on October 7. The week of July 1 is even a week sooner than Grand Rapids allows, and to provide dates for all will mean that the Grand Circuit of 1913 shall open on July 7. The following stewards will attend the Pittsburgh meeting: Grand Rapids, S. E. Dodson, Kalamazoo, W. P. Engleman; Detroit, Fred Postell; Cleveland, H. K. Devereux; Pittsburgh, H. P. Hase; Fort Erie, J. P. Madigan; Salem, N. H. W. L. Dunlop; Roadville, Mass.



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TAKE INTEREST IN FIELD EVENTS

Far East Awakening to Value of Athletics—Plan Series of Meets.

New York, December 28.—That Americans in the Philippines are responsible for the vast interest in athletics in the East, as evidenced by the announcement that Japan, China and other sections near the American colony in the Pacific Ocean will be strongly represented in the Olympic games in Berlin in 1916 is conceded to be the result of the appointment of Major Palmer E. Pierce, U. S. A., now located in China, and formerly president of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

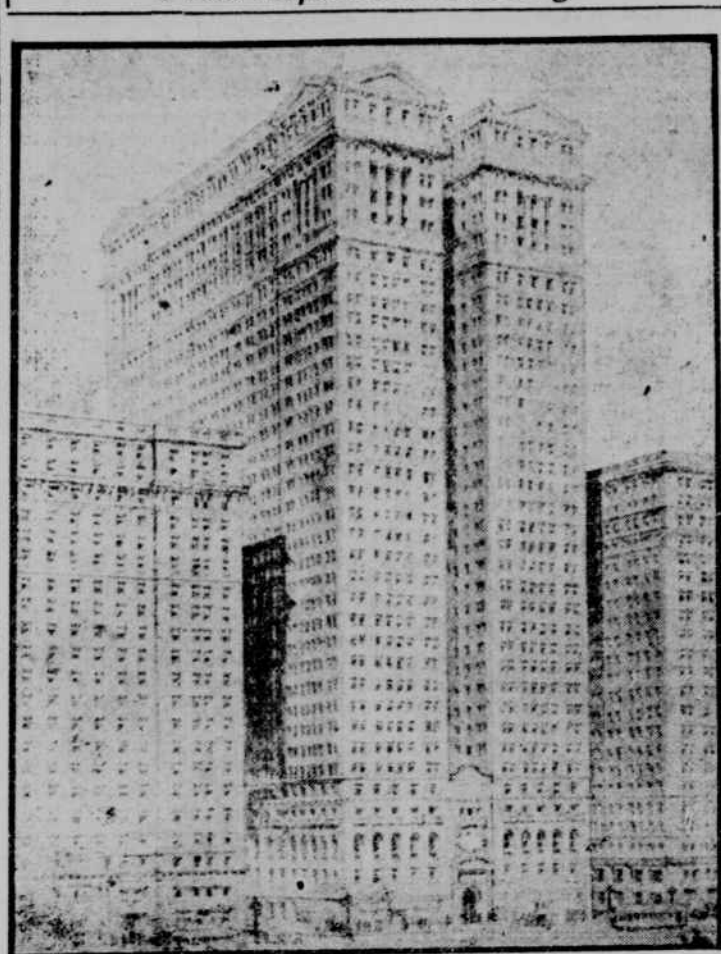
Among followers of athletics in this section who are well aware of Major Pierce's allegiance to up-to-date and purely amateur games, it is granted that all such will receive a great uplift with his encouragement, as he is a strong believer in physical culture in all its forms.

The Philippine Athletic Association, which has been doing a great amount of missionary work in and about Manila, where the high schools, under American domination, have taken up sport on up-to-date lines, has paved the way for the furtherance of athletics in a new section of the world.

This organization has come forward with a proposition for a series of biennial games fashioned after the Olympic, to be open to all countries in the East to be held in turn in the capital cities of the countries named, which include six districts, namely, Japan and its dependencies, the Philippines, North China, with its centre at Shanghai; South China, with centre at Hongkong; Malay Peninsula, with centre at Singapore, and Siam.

Follow American Games.
Power is taken to admit formally any Asiatic-Pacific territory not included in the districts named above when it is deemed advisable. It is

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Picture of new Equitable Building, New York, from architect's drawing. It will be erected on site of the old one that was destroyed by fire.

propose to hold the first games in Manila next year and the second series in Tokyo in 1915.

The proposed list of events is as follows, and it is noticeable that they are at distances and sports usually named in the American championship list, viz: 100 yards, 220 yards, 440 yards, 880 yards, one mile, five-mile road race, 158-yard hurdles, 220-yard low hurdles, standing high jump, running broad jump, pole vault, discus (free style) and shotput.

Two relay events are also named, these being at 220 yards and 440 yards for each man of a team. A pentathlon, consisting of running broad jump, shotput, 220 yards, discus (free style) and one-mile run, and the decathlon, 100 yards, running broad jump, shotput, running high jump, 440 yards, 220-yard hurdles, discus (free style), pole vault, hop, step and jump, and one-mile run will also be included.

In swimming the events will be 100 yards, 220 yards, 440 yards, 880 yards, one mile, 100 yards back stroke, 220 yards breast stroke, 440-yard relay and plunging for distance. The cycling will consist of a ten-mile road race.

There will also be gentlemen's and ladies' singles at lawn tennis, as well as the following games: baseball, volleyball (teams of fifteen), football (association) and basketball.

The clause in relation to those eligible to participate is apparently far-reaching, reading as follows: "The Olympic contests will be confined strictly to athletes who are declared by the association to be of legal age and a citizen of any country."

The general idea of the association is to exclude any person who enters a competition for money, accepts a money prize, sells or pawns his prizes, issues or accepts a challenge for money, accepts a free membership or remission of dues or other member for becoming or organization, teaches of an athletic organization, member, trainer or coaches in any athletic sport for money or enters a competition under a false name. The term money is used in its broadest sense, and includes its equivalent or anything in the nature of a monetary consideration.

Y. M. C. A. Athletics

Exercises will begin at 8:00 o'clock on Tuesday evening with regular class work, followed by some special exercises on the horizontal and parallel bars. At 8:20 o'clock the basketball team will be on, and following this a group of tumblers will put on some stunts on the mats. At 9:00 o'clock the association is scheduled to play a game of volleyball with the dormitory men. A game of basketball between the reserves and graded class will close the program.

On New Year's Day the association will hold "open house" all day, with special events in the auditorium and gymnasium.

New Year's Day.
In the gymnasium—
10:30 A. M.—Boys "A": Gymnastics and games.
11:30 A. M.—Boys "B": Open games, basketball.

12 noon—Business men: Volleyball games.
2:00 P. M.—Basketball: Boys "A" vs. Junior Reserves.

In the auditorium, songs and girls—
2:30 P. M.—Rutledge, Old South Quartet.
In the gymnasium—
2:30 P. M.—Volleyball, Doctors vs. Insurance.

4:15 P. M.—Indoor basketball, Singles vs. Doubles.
7:15 P. M.—Basketball, fourth annual game, Juniors vs. Intermediates.

New Year's Night.
In the auditorium, men and women—
7:30 P. M.—Rutledge, Old South Quartet.
In the gymnasium—
8:00 P. M.—Basketball, Seniors vs. Gymnasium Leaders.

Coming Events.
Randolph-Macon College basketball team will play the association Senior team here on Friday night, January 30. The college boys have a strong team this year and will make the association five go some to stay with them.

In the association basketball league the teams are closely bunched, and it is anybody's race at present. On Thursday night the teams will line up as follows: Columbia vs. Yale at 8:45, Princeton vs. Cornell at 9:15, Carleton vs. Harvard at 9:45.

Standing of the Teams.

Princeton 11 1 24
Columbia 10 2 20
Cornell 9 3 18
Harvard 8 4 16
Yale 7 5 14
Carleton 6 6 12
Columbia 5 7 10

The closing games in the Business Men's Volleyball League will be played this week. Registration for the new league is open at the counter.

Standing of the Teams.

Lawton 11 1 24
Buckner 10 2 20
Hallow 9 3 18
Berry 8 4 16
Harker 7 5 14
Winters 6 6 12
Winters 5 7 10

Registration is open at the counter for new indoor basketball leagues, and members are requested to register their names at once.

The new bowling league will be organized on Monday, January 6, at 8:15 o'clock.

The second annual swimming meet for the preparatory schools of Richmond will take place in the association swimming pool on Saturday afternoon, January 13.

The date for the complimentary athletic meet to the preparatory schools, as previously announced, will be Saturday afternoon, February 2. This will be the third annual indoor meet which the association has held.

The past meet has stirred up a great deal of enthusiasm and interest, and

have all been characterized by a fine spirit of clean sport and gentlemanly conduct on the part of both contestants and spectators.

Lynchburg High Defeated.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Lynchburg, Va., December 28.—The Lynchburg Y. M. C. A. basketball team to-night defeated the Lynchburg High School, 78 to 18, the contest being much faster, harder fought and more interesting than the score indicates.

The High School made a good showing, though the players suffered from stage fright. Gannaway pitched a goal in for the association in the second half, while Lee missed a foul shot, which he threw at the association's basket.

VISIT MOTHER IN JAIL
Children Spend Day With Confessed Slayer of Husband.

Macon, Ga., December 28.—Surrounded by her six children, five of whom are under sixteen years of age, Mrs. James King, who confessed yesterday to instigating the killing of her husband, a prominent planter, on December 12, was near the point of nervous prostration in the little country jail at Grays, where she still is confined. The children went to see her early and remained throughout the day.

Nick Wilburn, the farm hand, who confessed to slaying and killing King for love of Mrs. King and a part of the life insurance, to-day coolly declared "he guessed they would be hanged," but expressed the hope that Mrs. King would not have to die on the gallows.

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TO MAKE LIFE SAFER AT SEA.
Representatives of Great Britain and United States Confer.

Washington, December 28.—Representatives of Great Britain and the United States conferred to-day to discuss measures to make life safer at sea.

George Baker, of the British Board of Trade; Chief Counselor Innes and Secretary Kerr, of the British embassy, discussed the question with Secretary Nagel, Senator Nelson, chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee; Senator William Alden Smith, chairman of the committee which investigated the Titanic disaster; Senator Fletcher, chairman of the House Merchant Marine Committee; E. T. Chamberlain, chief of the Bureau of Navigation, and George Fisher, Inspector-General of the Steamboat Service.

General phases of revisions of regulations as taught by the Titanic disaster were discussed for presentation to the International Maritime Conference in London.

MARRIES HIM THREE TIMES. WANTS ANOTHER DIVORCE.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
St. Louis, Mo., December 28.—Mrs. Mamie Kleiden this afternoon filed suit for divorce against John B. Kleiden. She married him June 1918. Since then she has been divorced from and married again to him three times.

"I tried to starve him to death," Mrs. Kleiden said to-night, "but he still hangs on. He has cost me \$400. Every time I get a divorce from him he comes around on his knees and begs me to take him back. Never again."

Chief's Body Is Found.
Auburn, Ga., December 28.—After having been missing since Friday afternoon, the body of Chief of Police J. D. L. Moore was found early to-day near a swamp back of the Farmers' Glanery, on the outskirts of the town. His pistol was clutched in one hand, with one chamber exploded, indicating that he committed the deed with his own hand. The theory of murder has also been advanced, and an investigation is being conducted.

Jilted, Commits Murder.
Buffalo, N. Y., December 28.—Before a crowd of diners in a Niagara Street lunch room, John Valquett, forty-two years old, a deaf mute, to-night murdered Julie Goodie, twenty-one years, a waitress. Valquett came from Springfield, N. Y., to marry Miss Goodie to-day. When he called at the restaurant he refused to go with him, whereupon he drew a knife and stabbed her three times in the breast. He made no effort to escape. The girl died half an hour later.

Chokes to Death on Fruit Cake.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Erie, Pa., December 28.—Filling his mouth with fruit cake, the small child of Mr. and Mrs. William Miller strangled himself to death late this afternoon. The baby was found of the cake and placed with its mother for a slice. The mother gave it, and a few minutes later she found the child coughing and strangling. Before a doctor could be called the infant was dead.

Runtime Not Barred.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Cleveland, O., December 28.—Runtime music is not barred from Cleveland.

land's new \$500,000 Y. M. C. A. building. Seven pianos were installed there to-day, and General Secretary Lewis announced that everything in the popular music line will be allowed. They will not follow the precedent of the Y. M. C. A. at Washington, which has barred such songs as "Mickey Koo" and "When I Get You Alone To-Night."

FRENCH ARE EXCITED
Fight for Presidency Grows Bitter as Date of Election Approaches.

Paris, December 28.—As the date for the presidential election, January 17, approached, and the politicians are coming out and declaring themselves, the followers of the various candidates as well as the candidates themselves are becoming more or less excited.

M. Poincare and M. Ribot's hats are now in the ring. They represent practice and the incense of the Republic, and the incense of the Republic is becoming interesting. M. Ribot, who was a former Premier, gave out a number of interviews to-day, in which he made no attempt to disguise his anger over the action of M. Poincare in declaring himself a candidate after having refused to stand at M. Ribot's solicitation.

Premier Poincare will visit M. Ribot to-morrow to give him an explanation. Meanwhile, the explanation is current in certain circles.

The wives of several candidates are intriguing, and they are not good for conditions. It is given out by the partisans of M. Deschanel, one of the presidential candidates, that while they fully recognize the fitness of Premier Poincare for the high office of President, they regret that his wife was born in Italy, that she was first married to a German attaché of the embassy in Paris, from whom she was divorced, and that she then married M. Poincare, who was her lawyer in the divorce case.

These tactics exasperated M. Poincare, and it was because of them that he announced his candidature before the time he intended to as an open challenge to his enemies.

"JUNK" AND "DEAD" ENGINES ARE LISTED AS EFFICIENT.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Boston, December 28.—Reluctant admission was made to-day by Vice-President Horn of the New Haven Railroad that some engines classed as "junk" or some engines that have been practically cast aside as "dead," have been listed as "efficient engines," before Interstate Commerce Commission's report here to-day.

He said such listing was made in order to show a certain amount of traction power per mile.

SILVER HAS PLACE FOR JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
New York, December 28.—Blue Governor Wood Silver would not even inferentially admit to-day his truth his most intimate friends after talking with him yesterday that it was his purpose to appoint John Temple Graves Public Service Commissioner to succeed William H. Wines when the latter term expires on February 1, 1913.

Graves is now one of the editorial writers of William H. Hearst's newspapers, and edited a number of Democratic papers in that State before coming to New York City.

STORE IS ROBBED BY ITS CLERKS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Jackson, Miss., December 28.—The Jones Brothers department store here estimates that it has lost between \$8,000 and \$10,000 during the past two years from a systematic robbing of its establishment by some of its clerks.

Two of whom were arrested to-day charged with larceny. Last night the proprietor saw W. B. Wynn, a white boy of an excellent Brandon family, leave the store with an overcoat on his arm. When he was charged with stealing it he broke down and confessed. Later he confessed to a series of thefts, and implicated two others, one of whom, W. C. Vought, was arrested to-day. Wynn gave the names of several white people and two negroes who, he declared, had bought the stolen goods. Several of them have been arrested charged with receiving and buying stolen property.

According to Wynn, several methods were used by the clerks, including the carrying away of goods under overcoats and in their pockets, use of exchange checks, and the selling of goods at greatly reduced prices to a go-between, who would sell them on the outside on a commission basis. He said the check system was used mainly in the shoe department. When a customer with whom an understanding existed came into the store, the clerk would tell the man giving out exchange checks that he had brought in a pair of shoes to be exchanged for one of different size. In the case of \$6 shoes, Wynn said the clerk generally receives \$2, which he pocketed. Wynn asserted that two pairs of shoes were stolen to one pair sold within the past year.

\$100 Reward
One hundred dollars will be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who murdered and robbed one Elias Barody at 324 North Second Street, this city, on the morning of December 19, 1912.

GEORGE MYSLIE, Mayor.

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